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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 321**

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**Introduced by Senator Alquist**

February 16, 2007

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An act to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 105000) to Part 4 of Division 103 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 321, as amended, Alquist. State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various health promotion and preventative health services for older adults, as defined, in the state. Effective July 1, 2007, these duties of the department will be transferred to the State Department of Public Health.

Existing law establishes the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee in the California Health and Human Services Agency.

This bill would create in state government, until December 31, 2009, the Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan Task Force, for the purpose of developing the State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan for the years 2010 to 2020, inclusive. The bill would prescribe the membership and duties of the task force, and would require the task force to collaborate in the development of the strategic plan, seek public input, and establish specified workgroups to address issues related to the identification, management, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease in the state. The bill would require the task force to submit the strategic plan to the

Governor and the Legislature by September 1, 2009. The bill would also require the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee to review the implementation and progress of the strategic plan, and, not less than every 2 years, to make recommendations to the Secretary of California Health and Human Services and the Legislature for updating the strategic plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 105000)  
2 is added to Part 4 of Division 103 of the Health and Safety Code,  
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 2.5. STATEWIDE STRATEGIC ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
6 PLAN  
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8 105000. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

9 (a) Roughly 500,000 California families are living with  
10 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia disorders.

11 (b) It is estimated that the incidence of these tragic diseases in  
12 California will triple, from approximately 500,000 to 1.5 million  
13 by the year 2050, as the state's population of baby boomers ages.

14 (c) The surge in the numbers of those persons affected by  
15 Alzheimer's disease, including family caregivers, will place a  
16 severe strain on the state's already challenged health, social  
17 services, and geriatric service delivery systems.

18 (d) Morbidity and mortality data collected by counties has  
19 demonstrated a dramatic and rapid increase in the number of deaths  
20 associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

21 (e) While advances in Alzheimer's research create hope for the  
22 future, they will not head off the increasing need for community,  
23 home, and residential care that is equipped to care for persons  
24 suffering from dementia and related disorders.

25 (f) To avoid bankrupting our health and social service systems  
26 serving the elderly, California must prepare now by identifying  
27 strategies that will provide appropriate care to families coping with  
28 caring for a family member afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.

1 (g) It is in the interest of the state to better serve the  
2 approximately 500,000 families statewide who are currently  
3 struggling to care for a family member with Alzheimer's disease.

4 (h) It is also in the interest of the state to adequately serve the  
5 following emerging populations:

6 (1) Underserved and unserved families.

7 (2) Persons in the very earliest stages of Alzheimer's disease,  
8 and those individuals suffering from other dementia disorders.

9 (3) Persons with special needs who cannot access existing care  
10 systems.

11 (4) Non-English speakers, and ethnically diverse populations  
12 coping with memory loss.

13 (5) The mentally ill.

14 (6) Rural residents.

15 (7) Younger populations afflicted with early onset Alzheimer's  
16 disease.

17 105001. (a) There is hereby created in state government the  
18 Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan Task Force, established for  
19 the purpose of developing the State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic  
20 Plan for the years 2010 to 2020, inclusive.

21 (b) As used in this chapter "task force" means the Alzheimer's  
22 Disease Strategic Plan Task Force.

23 105002. (a) The task force shall be composed of 16 members  
24 as follows:

25 (1) A medical care provider knowledgeable in the treatment of  
26 people with dementia, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

27 (2) An Alzheimer's disease researcher, appointed by the  
28 President pro Tempore of the Senate.

29 (3) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association, appointed  
30 by the President pro Tempore of the Senate.

31 (4) A family caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease,  
32 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

33 (5) A person in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease,  
34 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

35 (6) A representative of an adult day services program, appointed  
36 by the Governor.

37 (7) A representative of a residential care provider, appointed  
38 by the Governor.

39 (8) A representative of a nursing home provider, appointed by  
40 the President pro Tempore of the Senate.

(9) A representative of a consumer advocate organization familiar with the needs of families living with Alzheimer's disease, appointed by the President pro Tempore of the Senate.

(10) A representative of a health plan, appointed by the Governor.

(11) A representative of an organization representing professional caregivers, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(12) The director, or his or her designee of each of the following state agencies; the California Department of Aging, the State Department of Public Health, the State Department of Health Care Services, the State Department of Social Services, and the State Department of Mental Health.

(b) The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the task force.

105003. (a) The task force shall collaborate in the development of the State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan, and shall seek broad input through regional public forums. The task force shall also establish five workgroups made up of other stakeholders and experts.

(b) The five workgroups shall each address one of the following issues:

(1) Community-based support for California's diverse people with Alzheimer's disease and their family members.

(2) A public health, integrated care management approach to Alzheimer's disease care in health care settings that makes full use of best dementia care practices.

(3) The dementia competence of health care professionals.

(4) Choices for care and residence for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

(5) Early identification and intervention through increased public awareness of Alzheimer's disease.

(c) The task force chairperson shall designate from among the task force members a chairperson of each workgroup. The workgroup chairpersons shall invite other persons from the community who are experts in the workgroup's area of focus to participate in the workgroup. *The chairperson shall make good faith efforts to ensure that the workgroups reflect, to the extent feasible, the racial and ethnic diversity of the state.* Each workgroup may include, but is not limited to, members representing all of the following groups:

- 1 (1) A representative of a relevant provider group.
- 2 (2) A family caregiver.
- 3 (3) A person in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.
- 4 (4) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association.
- 5 (5) A representative of state government.

6 *(d) Each workgroup shall consider cultural and linguistic factors*  
7 *that impact persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families*  
8 *from diverse populations when addressing the issues identified in*  
9 *subdivision (b), and, when necessary, shall consider those factors*  
10 *when making public policy recommendations to be included in the*  
11 *State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan.*

12 105004. The State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan shall  
13 identify specific state public policy actions needed in the five  
14 workgroup areas identified pursuant to Section 105003.

15 105005. The Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan Task Force  
16 shall submit the State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan to the  
17 Governor and Legislature by September 1, 2009.

18 105006. The task force shall cease to exist on December 31,  
19 2009.

20 105007. The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders  
21 Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Section 1568.17,  
22 shall review the implementation and progress of the State  
23 Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan developed by the task force  
24 and shall, not less than every two years, and make  
25 recommendations to the Secretary of California Health and Human  
26 Services and the Legislature for updating the plan.

27 105008. Funding for development of the State Alzheimer's  
28 Disease Strategic Plan shall be through a public-private partnership,  
29 in which the state and the Alzheimer's Association both dedicate  
30 resources for plan development and stakeholder and public input  
31 into the plan. The Secretary of California Health and Human  
32 Services shall designate a full-time staff person to support the work  
33 of the task force.